

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yuji TSUKAMOTO
Title: CONTENT RENTAL SYSTEM
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment be entered into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please substitute for original claim 8 the following rewritten version of the same claim, as amended, and the addition of new claim 20. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made".

8. (Amended) The content rental system as set forth in claim 6, further comprising:

a capacitor, charged by said rental business server, for supplying a power to said timer.

20. (New) The content rental system as set forth in claim 7, further comprising:

a capacitor, charged by said rental business server, for supplying a power to said timer.

REMARKS

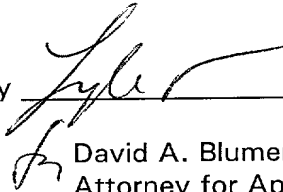
Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments to Claim 8, and the addition of new claim 20 be entered in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiple dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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8. (Amended) The content rental system as set forth in claim 6 [or 7], further comprising:

a capacitor, charged by said rental business server, for supplying a power to said timer.

20. (New) The content rental system as set forth in claim 7, further comprising:

a capacitor, charged by said rental business server, for supplying a power to said timer.

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